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SUBJECT: AMB YOUNG'S CONVERSATION WITH ANC VICE PRESIDENT
CHINAMANO

1. SUMMARY: AMB YOUNG MET WITH ANC VICE PRESIDENT CHINAMANO
MARCH 2 IN NEW YORK. CHINAMANO COMMENTED ON CURRENT
ANC THINKING CONCERNING SITUATION IN RHODESIA, STRESSING
NKOMO DOUBT OF VIABILITY OF "INTERNAL SOLUTION." CHINAMANO
ALSO REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT AND
TIGHTENING OF "LOOPHOLES" ALLOWING US COMPANIES TO TRADE
WITH RHODESIA THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB YOUNG MET WITH JOSIAH CHINAMANO, VICE PRESIDENT
OF ANC AND CALLISTUS NDLOVU, ANC REP IN US, MARCH 2 AT
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USUN IN NEW YORK. CONVERSATION CENTERED ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN RHODESIA AND ANC THINKING REGARDING CURRENT US
INITIATIVES AND WAYS TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL TRANSFER TO
MAJORITY RULE.

3. CHINAMANO SAID THAT THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA HAD
CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY AFTER THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. MR.

SMIGHT HAD MISJUDGED THE ABILITY OF THE NATIONALISTS TO FIND A COMMON GROUND AND HAD ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED NATIONALISTS DISRUPTING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. IN THE END, MR. SMIGHT HAD HAD TO USE THE KISSINGER PROPOSAL TO EXTRICATE HIMSELF.

4. THE ORIGINAL SUPPOSITION ON SMITH'S AND SOUTH AFIRCA'S PART THAT AN "INTERNAL" SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY MANY MODERATE BLACKS, WAS NOT SEEN AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE BY THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE NOR BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. AMB YOUNG COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE BOTH REJECTED THE NOTION OF INTERNAL SOLUTIONS ENDING THE FIGHTING.

5. IN RESPONSE TO AMB YOUNG'S QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CURRENT MOOD AMONG BLACKS IN RHODESIA, CHINAMANO SAID THAT THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS BETWEEN 16-18 YEARS WERE GOING INTO TRAINING FOR FIGHTING. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO MASSIVE EVIDENCE OF REBELLION AMONG BLACK SOLDIERS IN THE RHODESIAN ARMY, THE SMITH GOVERNMENT WAS COUNTING ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT BACKING THE RHODESIAN MILITARY WITH SOUTH AFIRCAN MILITARY POLICE.

6. IN RESPONSE TO AMB YOUNG'S QUESTION ON WAYS TO RENEW THE GENEVA TALKS, MR CHINAMANO STATED THAT THE NATIONALISTS FELT THE DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS COULD FORM THE BASIS FOR RENEWING THE TALKS.

7. MR. CHINAMANO SAID THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND MR. NKOMO
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HAVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSED FREE ELECTIONS UNDER AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AND HE FEELS THE UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD ONLY HAND OVER POWER TO A FREELY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH BISHOP MUSOREWA HAD SUGGESTED IN GENEVA THAT, WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF LEAVING GENEVA THEY SHOULD START REGISTERING VOTERS AND HAVE AN ELECTION, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FELT THIS SHOULD NOT HAPPEN UNTIL THE TIMETABLE ALLOWING ALL PARTIES TO ORGANIZE WAS SPELLED OUT IN ADVANCE.

8. MR. CHINAMANO STATED THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA'S PARTY WAS BEING EXPOSED TO THE WHITE COMMUNITY IN RHODESIA WITH THE THOUGHT THAT THE WHITE COMMUNITY WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT SUCH MODERATE LEADERSHIP. IT WAS FELT, HOWEVER, THAT IF BISHOP MUZOREWA CONTINUED TO COOPERATE WITH SMITH, IT WOULD DISCREDIT HIM WITH THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

9. MR. CHINAMANO SAID A NIGERIAN SPONSORED RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE LAST OAU LIBERATION

COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH SUPPORTED THE FIGHTING MEN THROUGH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THE OAU ALSO AGREED TO SUPPORT BISHOP MUZOREWA'S FIGHTERS INSIDE RHODESIA IF THEY REMAINED THERE AND CARRIED OUT URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE.

10. MR. CHINAMANO CAUTIONED THAT THE US SHOULD NOT OVERESTIMATE THE PRESSURE THAT SOUTH AFRICA CAN APPLY TO SMITH TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION IN RHODESIA. YOUNG

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